WASHINGTON, D. C., SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1920.

THREE CENTS

100SE DEVISED BY 2 ALLIES TO SNARE WILSON

President Suspicious Plan to Abandon December Adriatic Pact.

FRANCE IN TIGHT PLACE Breckinridge Criticises Attitude of Administration

Toward Fiume. In their latest Adriatic note, the allies have made a diplomatic noose or President Wilson. Indications, lowever, are that he will not walk

egotiations to Italy and Jugo-Slavia. This is the suggestion Preniers Lloyd George and Millerand nake to him. The President has no resent and had no past objection to his proposition. In fact, it accepts the first part of his own recently proposed solution.

But the White House views the second step, pressed by the two Ministers with some suspicion. Imrediate abandonment of December's nglo-Franco-American agreement s urged. This allegedly could projdice any Italo-Jugo-Slav conferonce and almost assure its failure Mr. Wilson had calculated on the sossibility of an Italo-Jugo-Slav in such an event, the general ac-

The allies have cleverly turned the

resident's last proposal into a dimma against him. They plainly im at the removal of the Decemr agreement which is the prop of his diplomatic position. At the same time, the pact of London is bluntly indicated as the last resort or solutions of voluntarily "unolvable problems." With carefully aited nets, the allies are trying to atch all the diplomatic advantages

n the last allied communication ould be gleaned from American ources yeserday. It is possible that he note will be made public at London before its publication here. But administration circles predict that

cick to the spirit of his December and. England's reservations unubtedly provide her with a loople of escape from that agreement it France, it is officially argued re, should be bound by its essen-

There is a good deal of suggesin the repeated reference of ments not only in the Adriatic also in the Near East, opposed the President. Many think that allies wish only to wear down tain Adriatic opposition on Mr. son's part by the continual wavof the pact. Others, however leve that there is something far government and the unions. re positive and extended in the ied action. They recall that Engd and France fundamentally re-

ried document. Breckinridge Versus President Henry Breckinridge, former As- in the north. tant Secretary of War, takes emtic issue with the President's itude toward Fiume. a private citizen, he alleges that forms ent Presidential diplomacy is dangering the international presof the United States. tement given to the press has inesting background, since he was opointed to his former post by esident Wilson himself and has en a life long Democrat.

dr. Breckinridge served as Asstant Secretary of War under ndley M. Garrison from 1913 to 16. He resigned in sympathy with r. Garrison when the latter gave his portfolio, owing to the diergency of views between esident and himself. "What between the significance of Fiume?" Mr eckenridge now asks. "It is the enal of a moral bankruptcy." he swers. "It is the last moral asset rsailles." Continuing, he adds:

e to be realized out of the wreck the journey of the President to Fiume is the last screen of ouflage still standing before the llowness and emptiness of st astounding escape of our dipnatic history. The damage to the lividual is irretrievable and the quence to his country is not ht. No individual, no official, ever exalted in power, can be en by the world to be America. erwise our international standwould be entirely undesirable. Criticises "Wilson Line."

Flume is a 'valuable criterion. en understood it is the Rosetta e by which one reads an entire 'itical philosophy, if such a term be applied without exaggera-. If America fundamentally is a risee and a bully, then Fiume its opportunity, the opportunity divert perhaps the attention of world from the breakdown of foreign policy, presumed to be

ed upon high morality, by maka last ditch fight on the moral e of protecting the right of the co-Slav to an outlet on the But is it of the spirit of America bring to bear its mighty eco-

power to coerce Italy into ng its bidding, immediately aft-America., through its self-apnted and sole representative, a failed on an issue of far more juity in the spoliation of our . China? There is no more on for a 'Wilson Line' en Italy and Jugo-Slavia than is for an Emmanuel line or ido line between Mexico and United States. The policy that ild have America draw a "Wil-line" on the shores of the atic destroys the moral founon of the Monroe doctrine."

Allies May Occupy Turkey In Great Military Scale Unless Massacres Cease OF ARTICLE TEN

intimated.

mier's stand.

Officials pointed out that Prime

tinople has aroused a storm of

believe, will not back up the pre

Many government officials al-

cept an American mandate over the

to put it under the league of na-

Turkish capital, but is not willing

In many quarters the premier's

ions of India and Egypt, which

helped Great Britain in the war in

the Near East, would not consent to

expulsion of the Turk from Europe

There was a general disposition to

elieve that France, backed by Pre-

council's plan, but feared to come

the council might decide to take

from Greece permission to exploit

economically the Smyrna and Adri-

hand in the Turkish decision, al-

allies would like to see the United

States take a mandate over Con-

Jealous Over Mandate.

Vice versa, no European nation is

Each nation feels that her inter-

The letter was received by the police

it open discovered the body of the

Turkish situation was not clear.

anople districts.

Turk, it was said.

vas characterized as flimsy

argument that the Moslem popula-

London, Feb. 28 .- Allied military council of premiers to allow the occupation of Asiatic Turkey on an Turk to remain in Constantinople extensive scale was seen as a pos- may be subject to revision, it was President Firm With Own ibility here tonight.

Following announcement by the council of premiers late today, that Minister Lloyd George's acceptance the council has decided upon "con- of the proposal to allow the Subcerted action" by the allies, in con- lime Porte to continue in Constannection with the massacre of Armenians and other foreigners by criticism at home. Parliament, they the Turks, many observers held the view that allied troops may be sent into the disturbed areas.

War Experts Attend. This opinion was strengthened by the official announcement that military experts attended the session at So far as could be learned tonight the only important allied force in Turkish Asia Minor is a detachment of French troops which took over

There was considerable specula mier Nitti, forced Lloyd eGorge into agreeing on the decision of the tion as to what effect today's decision will have upon the treaty of peace with Turkey and the allied in Constantinople.

Question Far From Settled. The Turkish question is far from | 19B settled, it was admitted in official circles. Even the decision of the

OFFER AID IN STRIKE

Mobilization of French Reserve Planned as Rail Service Stops.

Paris, Feb. 28.-The Union of Turkish capital because they can-Former Soldiers, with more than not trust one another. 400 000 members, tonight offered its The government continued its ef-

diate distribution of all perishable the "sick men of Europe" in his foodstuffs, tied up in transsit be-The food situation in Paris was Suicide Leaves Body cause of the strike, was ordered.

described as critical. Shopkeepers reported depleted stocks, with an especial shortage of cereals.

Sleep in Purks.

Suburban lines which carry body be turned over to the medical said. in the repeated reference of thousands of workers to and from department of the University of Mary-took a hand in the discussion by placed in office by fraud and reidon. For it realizes treaty set- their tasks in Paris were tied up land, Arthur Gerard, 62 years of age, saying that it was impossible for fused to recognize him. late yesterday and thousands were committed suicide in his room at 725 the Senate to ascertain what the forced to seek lodging in the city West Lexington street last night.

settled down to a finish between the Gerard's room locked, and breaking Public Information.

Early reports indicated that the man, fully dressed, lying on the bed general strike call-issued in sym- with the end of a rubber tube ated the President's past requests pathy with workers on the Paris, tached to the gas jet in his mouth. reported to the Health Department consider the pact as a dead and Lyons and Mediterannean lines— He had been dead some hours. had not been generally heeded. Gerard was a lunchroom waiter. Traffic was reported nearly normal They stated he had attempted to com-The government's plans to break

Speaking the strike have taken the following

Airplanes Seized. Mobilization of all railway work-

His ers subject to military service. Requisition of motor trucks, automobiles and airplanes to transport foods and teh mails. laws can be found covering their

action. Military forces to operate trains and

prevent violence. Stations and terminals in Paris were under guard tonight while private automobiles had been commandeered to transport workers to their homes in the suburbs. There were no

reports of serious disturbances. Premier Millerand, who returned from the conferences of the council of premiers in London to take charge of the fight to break the strike, was to confer with his cabinet tonight. Drastic measures were expected to result from the meeting, with possible arrest of the strike leaders.

Firemen Robbed At Hotel Blaze; Village Cop Quits

the Beverley Hotel here has disclosed that not only were guests but the fire department itself was victimized. Several rubber coats, gum boots and two gas masks were taken from the fire truck. Police are seeking the

Another result of the fire is the resignation of Policeman Arthur B. Crosby, which was tendered the mayor and accepted last night. Crosby's action followed a meeting of the police committee of the city council called at his request. At this meeting he was severely arraigned for his action, or rather his lack of it, at the fire early .Tuesday. It was charged the peliceman not only failed to assist in rescuing guests and guarding valuables but actually

WILSON TO BAN LODGE VERSION

Party on Final Acceptance.

ALLIANCE IS CHARGED

Kellogg Accuses Hitchcock Of Organizing to Beat Treaty.

ready have called attention to the premier's about-face in his Turkish policy, it was said, and have demanded to know how it comes that he is still willing to ac-Democratic Senators have been notified President Wilson will refuse to accept treaty ratification with the Lodge reservation on Arti-

This word from the President, it was learned, was taken to Democratic Senators by Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia. The President is understood to have told Glass that under no circumstances would he deposit ratification of the treaty if the Lodge reservation on Article X were adopted. The former Secretary of the Treasury had been commisout strongly against it, realizing sioned by a number of Democrats to visit the Exectuive and ascertain his view.

Kellogg Sareastic This was the most important de-

Lord Robert Cecil, it was said, velopment of the day. The orais leading and consolidating the op-position in Great Britain to the torial pyrotechnics consisted ma'nly council's plan, which was an of verbal attacks and counter-atnounced officially last week. He is tacks, with words of invective and Ships Loaded With Muniendeavoring, with considerable suc- recrimination bandied back and cess, to secure the support of labor forth from the Republican to the n his fight to rid Europe of the Democratic side of the Senate cham-Ther was also a belief that Presta ber. Senator Kellogg. Republican.

dent Wilson may see far to take a in a speech filled with sarcasm, acthough his attitude toward the cused Administration Leader Hitchcock of having formed an alliance jextensive military campaign to put In diplomatic circles the situation with Senator Borah and the other was sumed up in this way: All the irreconcilables to annihilate the

Senator Kellogg said: "I contantinople, because they know that America has no interests in the gratulate both Senators on their Near East which make her untrust- new alliance. I do not wish them towns success, but I hope they get out of Senator Kellogg inquired if Sen-

ator Hitchcock could point to a sin-

nation given a mandate over the President, to which Senator Hitchcock replied: Yes, I can. You joined Republi



ate to adopt reservations which they disturbed districts know will never receive a two-thirds To Medical University vote in the Senate. "I'll say it would have been impossible to get any kind of reserva-

because all the avenues of com-

Two Deaths from Pneumonia.

Two deaths from pneumonia were last night. No influenza deaths were mit suicide two months ago by inhalpital, and Effle B. Orrison, 61 years, Kalmia street northwest.

Y.W. Worker Here WILSON SIGNS RAILS LAW, From Buenos Ayres



For the past five years she has been in charge of the Young Women's Christian Association branch at Buenos Ayres, Argentina. She is to speak at the local street northwest, this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, on her work among South American women and girls.

BRAZIL TROOPS SENT TO END **UPRISING**

tions and Soldiers Leave For Bahia State.

ernment apparently is preparing an down uprisings in the state of Bahia, now in the best possible condition bra and have captured several

Several more ships carying munitions and reinforcements left for the willing to see any other European gle thing he did to discredit the the northeast by water, and the

Gen Aguiar, commanding federal clamped down and only meagre refor the purpose of forcing the Sen- ports could be obtained from the freight and passenger, than ever

Refuse to Recognize Governor. Disorders have been almost constant in Bahia since the recent gu-Baltimore, Feb. 28.-After mailing a tions to protect America without bernatorial election, which resulted letter to the police asking that his the full Republican vote," Kellogs in the naming of Governor Seabr.

The opposition claimed he was

It has the support of Ruy Bor-President was doing at Versailles bosa, a leading statesman. Barbosa munication were in control of refused the Brazilian government's The strike tonight apparently had and an officer found the door to George Creel nad the Committee of invitation to be its representative of the league of nations because of its tatitude in recognition of the election of Seabra.

Rebels Seize Towns

During the last week the situation apparently has become serious, reported. The deaths were: Jane the rebels se zing control of sev-Brown, aged 75, St. Elizabeth's Hos- eral towns. Troops were sent to Bahia City on Tuesday, to reinforce special session of the State legislature the local garrisons and restore or-

Bahia is one of the most important Brazilian states, with an esti-mated area of 164,600 square miles and a population of more than 2, The capital and largest city is Bahia, with an important It is noted as a church center and for its coffee export. Its population in 1900 was estimated at more than 200,000.

COUNTRY IS LOYAL. PERSHING REPORTS

country American to the core." Gen. Pershing said tonight, after his arrival here from a nation-wide tour inspecting army posts and cantonments. President Wilson provided for full Pershing will leave for Washington the inspection tour, he said. He re- and export of all coal mined both lantic ports and nearby industrial fused to comment on universal train-

Chair Hugo Used In Senate Taken From Caillaux

Paris, Feb. 28.-Joseph Caillaux, former premier, on trial before the French senate sitting as a high court of justice, will occupy a new seat when the trial is resumed.

The senate, Victor Hugo's grandson complained in a protest to President Leon Bourgeois, has insulted the memory of the great French novelist by allowing Caillaux to occupy the chair in which Hugo sat when he was a member of the

Caillaux, accused of implication in the defeatist plots, must be moved out of Hugo's chair, his grandson asserted.

Bourgeois promised to find another chair for the accused at the next session of the trial.

ENDING FEDERAL CONTROL; HINES ANSWERS CRITICISMS Director General Declares, Executive Order Autho Labor Leaders

In Letter to President, That Operation Has Been Cheaper Than Possible Under Private Management.

MADE WAR SERVICE POSSIBLE, HE SAYS

Report Contends Entire Loss of \$480,000,000 Would Have Been Wiped Out if Rate Increases Had Been Dated from January, 1918.

Government operation of the railoads has been far cheaper and more efficient than private operation could have been during the same period, Director General Hines, of the Railroad Administration, declared yesterday in a special report to President Wilson on the operation of the roads during the fourteen months, ending today, he was in charge. Director Hines refutes the charge

hat Federal control has cost anywhere from \$700000,000 to \$1,900, 000,000, "according to the bent and fervor of the persons making the statement.

He denies, as without foundation, the claim that the roads will be turned back in a broken-down condition, and asserts that they are management a high class, cheap and efficient service. Millions Saved, Report Says.

pended by Congress for the upkeep of the roads, millions have been The whole cost in rates and taxe he contends, has been less than t would have been if the private corporations had continued to menace the roads during the war period.

"From the standpoint of the cor been earrying far more traffic, both

Reviews Entire Question.

Reviewing the entire question in the conclusion of the report, Hines "These I regard as the results of

OKLAHOMA RATIFIES WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Oklahoma City Okla., Feb. 28.-The Oklahoma legislature today completed ratification of the woman suffrage amendment to the Federal Constitution. The ratification will take effect immediately with restoration of the emergency clause by the house of representatives before finally passing the

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 28. - The today adjourned until Monday afternoon without acting on the national suffrage amendment.

supervision of the distribution, sale

for industrial and domestic con-

Doubts as to whether Rail Direc-

thracite production were ended by

tration should continue to exert

Commission Appointed.

At the same time J. W. Howe,

commissioner of the Tidewater Coal

Exchange, Hampton Roads: Rem-

brandt Peale, member of President

Wilson's coal commission: F. M.

to which are delegated all the powers

over export of coal formerly resid-

An order of the Fuel Administra-

reinstated.

Continuation of Fuel Control

year." ending April 30, it was as- its shipment and prevent profiteer-

In two executive orders, issued ing those prescribed as fair by the

tor Hines would longer exercise au- sary for American industries. Rep-

thority over bituminous and an- resentations were made to President

powers conferred upon Hines by lantic ports, their masters literally

Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield begging for coal supplies, delivery

named as members of a commission popularly known as the Lever act

ing in the office of director general dent's coal commission the neces

and coal-carrying vessels" also was agreements, they say, the number

stituting the Tidewater Coal Ex- likely to come to naught.

Informed Why Act Is Approved

In his letter to fifteen leaders of

organized railroad workers-B. M lewell, W. S. Stone, Timothy Shea, L. E. Sheppard, W. G. Lee, EXPRESS COMPANIES S. E. Heberling, E. J. Manion, James W. Kline, William H. Johnston, M. F. Ryan, Louis Weyand, John J. Hines, James Brotherhood Leaders De-Noonan, James J. Forrester and D. W. Helt-the President said:

Your letter of the 14th instant

and the subsequent arguments presented on your behalf with reference to the subject of pending claims for wage increases have had my careful consideration. The passage of the railroad bill by the House of Representatives on the 21st instant and by the Senate on the 23d instant has made it evident that I could not act upon your suggestions until it should be determined whether the bill would become a law or not. It was manifest that if the bill should become a law the negotiations and consideration of the wage matter ought to proceed in har-

The bill having now become a

mony therewith.

law, the way is open for immediate action of the wage matter in accordance with the terms of the bill. Section 301 of the bill evidently contemplates that the carriers and employes should. as suggested by you, select representatives who will thus constitute a bipartisan board for conference to agree upon a sointion of this wage problem. In gave last August and repeated in substance in my letter of the 13th instant, I shall at once request the carriers and the employes to join in this action. I believe such a step will go fir toward confiring and factured the subject for final disposition contemplated by Section 361 appears to be an appropriate substitute for the committee of experts which I have heretofore suggested, and indeed such a board will be authorized to go further than such a committee could have gone.

While it is true that the provisions of section 307 of the railroad bill relating to the labor board will probably also come into operation as to this wage matter, nevertheless the bi-partisan board can make a great deal of progress which will materially diminish the time to be consumed by the labor board; and while the bi-partisan board is functioning, the appointment and organization of the labor board can be expe-

l cannot share the apprehension of yourselves and your constituents as to the provisions of the law concerning the labor board. I believe those provisions are not only appropriate the interst of the public which after all is principally composed of workers and their families, but will be found to be particularly in the interst of railroad employes as a class.

ing by sale of coal at rates exceed-

and revived during the coal strike

to circulation of coal between At-

communities by rail and vessel. More important still, they will pre-

coal and depletion of supplies neces-

manufacturing centers. Scores of

of which would have diverted thou-

sands of needed tons destined for

industrial use. The commission will

see that no more fuel is loaded for

Lever Act Authority.

are issued by virtue of powers con-

President Wilson's two orders

Operators of the central compe

duction have urged upon the Presi-

sity of legislation making wage

and working contracts between op

erators and miners enforcible. Fail-

of strikes in the coal industry dur-

export than can be spared.

foreign ships are waiting at At

The new commission will attend

rizes Chief of Railroad Administration to Carry Out Provisions of Cummins-Esch Measure in Property Transfer.

ALSO GO TO OWNERS

cline to Discuss Course of President But Drastic Move on Part of Labor Is Not Expected to Result.

Ending a period of uncertainty as to the final disposition of the railroad bill and in opposition to the urgent appeals of the railroad brotherhoods and the Farmers National Council, President Wilson late yesterday attached his signature to the Cummins-Esch measure.

The law, as signed, is a compromise between the Esch bill, passed by the House, and the Cummins bill, passed by the Senate, and was designed to safeguard the rights of the government, the roads and the public, in the change from Federal to private control and operation.

The President signed the act after he had carefully investigated its provisions and obtained the expert opinions of Attorney General Palmer and Rafi Director Hines as to its constitutionality and feasibility Writes Letter to Leaders.

Coincident with the signing of the measure, President Wilson issued a proclamation delegating to Director General Hines all the powers and authority conferred upon the Chief Executive by Congress for carrying out the provisions of the bill, including the transfer of the roads to private control.

At the same time the Presiden made public a letter addressed to the fifteen railroad labor represent-Pebruary 14 and subsequent communications in which he endes ored to set at rest their fears that the operation of the railroad bill would be inimical to the welfare of railroad labor.

At sixty seconds past the hour of midnight tonight the railroad system of the nation, as well as the express business, taken over by the government on January 1, 1918, to coordinate and concentrate the transportation of war supplies, will return to private control, in accordance with a proclamation issued by President Wilson last Jan

Fuel Ruling Prolonged

The President also issued as executive order prolonging until April 30 fuel administration ruling under which a commission will be able to prevent the exportation of bituminous coal. The commission, appointed by the

President to carry out the fuel ruling, is composed of J. W. Howe commissioner of the Tidewater Coal Exchange: Rembrandt Peale F. M. Whitaker and J. F. Fisher The commission was appointed or the direct request of the governors of six New England States, whe expressed the fear that with the railroads back under private control those States already curtailed to one-third normal supply o bituminous coal would suffer a fur-

Assured by Executive Orders ther reduction.

Representatives of the raffway brotherhoods who remain in the city could not be induced to discuss the President's action. They admitted Drastic fuel control is to continue | Hines will continue to apportion however, that they would meet toat least through the present "coal the mined product, provide cars for day to frame a joint statement, if enough members still remain to make a statement authoritative.

Strikes Not Expected. It is understood the labor heads simultaneously with announcement Fuel Administration during the war will counsel the 2,000.000 railroad workers to exercise patience and to take no drastic action until the railroad officials have had a chance to demonstrate that they intend to "make good" under the machiners provided in the bill for adjustment

of wage controversies. While the leaders have expressed the fear that the enactment of the Cummins-Esch bill into law migh result in sporadic and unauthorized Wilson two weeks ago that if fuel strikes, they have declared they would make every possible effort to the order directing that he and his banding of the Railroad Administra- prevent walk-outs until it becomes representatives in the several dis- tion forces New England States evident that there is no hope for tricts under the Railroad Adminis- would face a crisis as regards their a satisfactory adjustment of the wage problem.

British to Use Airplanes To Catch "Flying" Thieves

London, Feb. 28. - The use of air craft in certain kinds of crimes is possibility admitted by Scotland Yard "We are giving the matter the closest attention," says Sir Nevil Mac Whitaker and J. F. Fisher were fuel control act of August 10, 1917, ready, the chief commissioner. Police airplanes are being considered as the titive field for bituminous coal pro- best protection against flying thieves

\$290,000 Fire in Philippines. Three hundred thousand pesos los

(normally about \$290,000) resulted from tion, issued November 6, 1917, and ing this, they have represented, a fire at San Roque, Philippines, las suspended February 20, 1919, con- the work of the commission is Thursday. Secretary of the Navi Daniels was advised yesterday fron change "as a common agency to facilifate transshipment and to reduce delays in the use of coal cars aver. In spite of "strike-proof"

Porto Rican Population Grows. Population of the island of Porte

Thus the passing of the Railroad ing 1918 and 1919 ranged from Administration as an executive 102 to 140 in various States af- Rico is 1,295,862, an increase of 177,81 branch of the government tomorrow feeted. Losses of coal running into or 15.9 per cent over 1910, according to will in no wise cause confusion or hundreds of thousands of tons have bring a supply and sale crisis in the been caused by these lay-offs, it is

Current News Concisely Written

Staunton, Va., Feb. 28.-Investigation following the fire at robbed of jewelry and clothing

was in the way as he watched proceedings.

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